NOTICE OR STIPULATION OF DISMISSAL OF ADVERSARY PROCEEDING

Pursuant to Fed.R.Bankr.P. 7041, an action may be dismissed by the plaintiff without an order of the court (i) by filing a notice of dismissal at any time before service by the defendant of an answer or a motion for summary judgment, whichever first occurs, or (ii) by filing a stipulation of dismissal signed by all parties who have appeared in the action.

- 1. Prepare appropriate document (e.g., Notice of Dismissal or Stipulation of Dismissal) with required signatures in PDF format.
- 2. From the ADVERSARY heading, select the *Miscellaneous* menu and enter the adversary case number.
- 3. Select the NOTICE OR STIPULATION OF DISMISSAL OF ADVERSARY PROCEEDING event.
- 4. If filing jointly with other attorneys, check the JOINT FILING box and select other attorneys.

NOTE: You cannot add attorneys. Only attorneys who have previously entered an appearance will be available for selection.

- 5. Select the appropriate filing party/parties. The plaintiff is always a filing party. The defendant is selected if they have signed off on the pleading.
- 6. Upload the PDF file at the BROWSE window.
- 7. Select either "Notice" or "Stipulation" as the type of pleading.
 - a. <u>Notice</u>: If an answer has been filed, you cannot file a Notice of Dismissal.
 - b. <u>Stipulation</u>: Both the plaintiff and defendant must sign off on a stipulation (and be selected as filing parties), or you cannot file a Stipulation of Dismissal.
- 8. Upon completion of filing, the case is dismissed and is ready to be closed by the Court.